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SUBJECT: INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
AUGUST 13.

1. INFORMAL WORKING GROUP MET TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE INTERNATIONAL AREA. YUGOSLAVIA
PROPOSAL CALLING FOR SUCH RESEARCH TO BE CONDUCTED
QTE SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL REGIME AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS
CONVENTION ENDQTE WAS OBJECTED TO BY US WHICH PROPOSED THAT
ALTERNATE LANGUAGE SHOULD BE QTE OMIT ANY SUCH PROVISION
ENDQTE USSR PROPOSED THAT QTE THE HIGH SEAS SHALL BE
OPEN FOR THE UNHAMPERED CARRYING OUT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
BY ALL STATES ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION
OF ANY KIND. MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEACH IN THE INTERNATIONAL
AREA OF THE SEABED SHALL BE CARRIED OUT SUBJECT TO THE REGIME
OF THIS AREA AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PRESENT CONVENTION. ENDQTE.

2. DISCUSSION OF PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WAS
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NEXT DISCUSSED. CHAIRMAN METTERNICH WAS ASKED TO PREPARE

DRAFT PAPER REFLECTING OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP. VIEWS EXPRESSED WERE REPEAT OF POSITIONS TAKEN IN SOVIET, CANADIAN, CHINESE, AND US DRAFT ARTICLES.

3. ON QUESTION OF STATUS OF SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT, SPAIN, MEXICO AND KENYA MADE STRONG STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT ALL FIXED OR FLOATING RESEARCH EQUIPMENT LOCATED WITHIN NATIONAL JURISDICTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE COASTAL STATE. KENYA ADDED THAT ALL SUCH EQUIPMENT QTE LOCATED IN AREA BEYOND LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION SHALL BE OPERATED SUBJECT TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGIME AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS CONVENTION. END QTE.

4. ON RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY ISSUE, MOST STATES EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ISSUE WAS NOT OF CONCERN TO THE WORKING GROUP SINCE POLLUTION ARTICLES WOULD COVER SUCH MATTER.

5. COMMITTEE CONCLUDED BY DECIDING THAT QUESTIONS OF COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT AND OBLIGATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL TREATIES WOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT YEAR.
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